

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Claims 8, 9, 11-13, 18 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7, 10 and 14-17 have been cancelled. Claims This action is in response to the applicants' request for a continued examination filed on February 29, 2008.

Withdrawn Rejections/Objections

2. Applicant is notified that any outstanding rejection/objection that is not expressly maintained in this office action has been withdrawn or rendered moot in view of applicant's amendments and/or remarks.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jacob G. Weintraub on July 14, 2009. The application has been amended as follows:

- a) In claim 12, line 2, deletion of the term "an acyl" and replacing it with the term "a C₁₋₆alkanoyl".
- b) In Claim 8, line 1, deletion of the word "compounds" and replacing it with "a compound"

- c) In claim 8, line 4, deletion of the period (.) and replacing it with a semi colon (;) and then adding after the semi colon, "which takes place in the presence of
- (i) a source of palladium (0) selected from PdCl_2 , $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4$ or $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$;
- (ii) a suitable ligand selected from triphenylphosphine or 3,3',3"-phosphinidyne tris(benzenesulphonic acid) trisodium salt;
- (iii) a base selected from triethylamine, benzyldimethylamine, N-methylmorpholine, N-methylpiperidine, triethanolamine, ethyldiethanolamine, diisopropylethylamine, potassium acetate, cesium fluoride or potassium fluoride.
- d) Cancellation of claim 9.

Conclusion

4. Claims 8, 11-13, 18 and 19 are allowed.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray, whose telephone number is 571-272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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